

United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa

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Number of Judgeships: 3

Areas Covered: Counties of Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Boone, Cass, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Harrison, Henry, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Shelby, Story, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington and Wayne

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Robert W. Pratt

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Loras 1969 BA; Creighton 1972 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Polk County Legal Aid Society (1973-1974); Associate, Funaro, Brick & Pratt (1975-1978); Partner, Hedberg, Brick, Tann, Pratt & Ward (1978-1985); Private Practice (1985-1997)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Association of Workers Compensation Attorneys; Iowa State Bar Association; National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives; Polk County Bar Association

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Term Expires: August 2010
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James E. Gritzner

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Dakota Wesleyan 1969 BA; Northern Iowa 1974 MA;
Drake 1979 JD
Began Service: February 19, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Assistant The Honorable Ronald Longstaff, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1977-1979)

Government: Member, Board of Parole, State of Iowa (1980-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Mosier, Thomas, Beatty, Dutton, Braun & Staaek (1979-1981); Partner, Humphrey, Haas & Gritzner (1981-1982); Partner, Nyemaster, Goode, Voigts, West, Hansell & O'Brien, P.C. (1982-2002)

Staff

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John Alfred Jarvey

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: Akron 1978 BS; Drake 1981 JD
Began Service: March 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Current Memberships: Iowa State Bar Association

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Maura McNally-Cavanaugh** (563) 884-7727

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Harold D. Vietor

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Iowa 1955 BA, 1958 JD
Began Service: 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Martin Van Oosterhout, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1958-1959)

Judicial: Judge, Iowa District Court (1965-1979)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Bleakley Law Offices (1959-1965)

Military Service: United States Navy (1952-1954)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Eighth Circuit District Judges Association; Federal Judges Association; Iowa State Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Aaron Rogers** (515) 284-6237
Education: Iowa 2004 JD
Secretary **Mary Loughlin** (515) 284-6237
Education: Iowa 1973 BA

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Charles R. Wolle

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: Harvard 1959 AB; Iowa 1961 JD
Began Service: August 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Iowa District Court (1981-1983); Justice, Iowa Supreme Court (1983-1987)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Shull, Marshall & Marks (1961-1980)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1961-1967)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Ann Beneke** (515) 284-6289
Education: Iowa JD

Chambers of Senior Judge Ronald E. Longstaff

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Ronald E. Longstaff

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Pittsburg State 1962 BA; Iowa 1965 JD
Began Service: November 5, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Law School, Drake University (1973-1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Roy L. Stephenson, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1965-1967)

Judicial: Clerk of Court and Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1968-1976); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1976-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1991-2006); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (2006)

Legal Practice: Associate, McWilliams, Gross & Kirtley (1967-1968)

Current Memberships: The C. Edwin Moore American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Federal Judges Association; Iowa State Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Dave Bower** (515) 284-6455
Began Service: August 2007
Term Expires: August 2009
Career Law Clerk **Carla J. Hamborg** (515) 284-6458
Education: Drake 1992 JD
Secretary **Debby Grimm** (515) 284-6235
Education: Upper Iowa 1989 BS

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Thomas J. Shields

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: William & Mary 1969 BA; Indiana 1972 JD
Began Service: 1997
Term Expires: June 8, 2016

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable W. C. Stuart, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Lane & Waterman (1974-2000)

Current Memberships: American Association of Justice; American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Lawyers; American College of Trial Lawyers; Defense Research Institute; Indiana State Bar Association; Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Defense Counsel Association; Iowa State Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Jed Brokaw** (563) 884-7601
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Education: Drake 1995 JD
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Ross A. Walters

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Penn State 1971 BA; Iowa 1977 JD
Began Service: 1994
Term Expires: 2010

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable William C. Hanson, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1977-1979)

Judicial: Judge, Iowa District Court, 5-C Judicial District (1990-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Herrick, Langdon & Langdon (1979-1982); Partner, Herrick, Langdon & Langdon (1982-1990)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1971-1974)

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Nancy Ryan** (515) 284-6217

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Celeste F. Bremer

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: St Ambrose 1974 BA; Iowa 1977 JD; Drake 2002 EdD
Began Service: January 1, 1990
Term Expires: January 1, 2014

Academic: Instructor, Law School, Drake University (1985-1990); Instructor, Drake University (2003-2005)

Government: Assistant Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Scott, Iowa (1977-1979); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Iowa (1979)

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